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Sir:

AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 12) mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 1, 2000. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and appropriate fee are submitted concurrently herewith.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the description of Figure 5 under the "Brief Description of the Drawings" heading on page 8, lines 23-25, with the following new description:

-- Figure 5 depicts a kit (11) comprising packaging (15), an agent of the invention (17) (e.g., anti-LEDGF Abs, LEDGF epitopes, etc.), a control agent (19), and instructions (21) for utilizing such agents in diagnostic or therapeutic applications.--

In the Claims:

1 (Amended). An isolated nucleic acid molecule [, comprising] selected from the group consisting of:
(a) a nucleic acid molecule[s] which hybridizes under stringent conditions to a molecule consisting of [a] the nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO:1 and which codes for a [Lens Epithelial Cell Derived Growth Factor] polypeptide that induces protein synthesis in an epithelial cell,

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